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APPLICANT: Allen W. Thorpe, et al

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FOR: THERMAL PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES AND METHODS OF MAKING THEM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

1. Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a FOUR month extension of time for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed May 30, 2000. The period for response was previously set to elapse July 30, 2000, and is accordingly hereby extended to November 30, 2000, which is still within the six month statutory period for response (35 U.S.C. §133) which elapses November 30, 2000. The reason for this petition is as follows:

- ☒ A response to the outstanding Official Action is being filed herewith.
- ☐ It is expected that a response to the outstanding Official Action will be filed within the extending period for response;
- ☐ A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 C.F.R. §1.191) is being filed herewith;
- ☐ It is expected that a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 C.F.R. §1.191) will be filed within the extended period for response;
- ☐ A Division, Continuation, or Continuation-In-Part is being filed, and it is desired to maintain the present application in pending condition pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 through at least the filing date of the Division, Continuation, or Continuation-In-Part application.

3. Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §1.9(f)) in this application:

☒ Has been established by a Verified Statement or Declaration filed January 14, 2000

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January 14, 2000

4. The required fee as established by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), (b), (c) or (d) pursuant
to 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8) is:

	Small Entity	Other than Small Entity
First Month	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 55.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 110.00
Second Month	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 390.00
Third Month	<input type="checkbox"/> \$445.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 890.00
Fourth Month	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$695.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,390.00

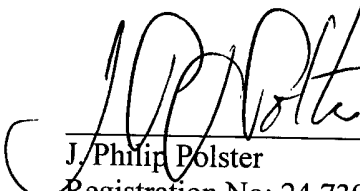
5. The above fee is:

[x] Enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit
any overpayment under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required to Deposit
Account No. 162201. *Duplicates of this sheet are enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11/30/00


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